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**RESPONSE TO MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 24, 2006**

Sir:

Applicant provides the following remarks in response to the Miscellaneous Office Action of October 24, 2006 ("Office Action").

This Response is submitted within one (1) month of the mailing date of the Office Action which is up to and including November 24, 2006. As such, Applicant believes that no fees are required. In the event that any fee is deemed necessary by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") to enter and consider this Response, please charge such fees to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206.**

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